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THE British Association for the Advance-
ment of Science held its sixty-fifth meeting
this year at Ipswich, the chief town in Suf-
folk, in the east of England, the district in
which the Pliocene rocks of the country are
best developed. The Section of Geology
was presided over by Mr. W. Whitaker,
who was engaged for many years in map-
ping these rocks for the Geological Survey.
The address delivered by this gentleman on
the opening day, September 12th, naturally
dealt with local problems, and especially
those raised by the numerous deep borings
for coal and water which have been put
down through the rocks of eastern Eng-
land.

Neglecting deposits newer than the Gault,
the variations of which are slight and of but
little consequence, he notes that the Lower
Greensand has only been met with in one
boring, that of Culford, where it is 32 feet
thick and of anomalous character, prepar-
ing us for the thinning out which occurs
elsewhere. Jurassic rocks are only present
in the southern borings and do not occur in
Suffolk. Under the Jurassic or Cretaceous
rocks the Trias is supposed to occur in one
case and in the others strata belonging to
the Carboniferous, Devonian and Silurian
Systems. In five bores out of ten put down
under the London Basin the determination
of the age of the rocks is aided by fossil

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